

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
**HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NOS. 11 & 7**
97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to article I of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the right to farm.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next
2 following the first Monday in November, 2014, or at a special election to be called by the
3 governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for
4 adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article I of the Constitution of the state of
5 Missouri:

Section A. Article I, Constitution of Missouri, is amended by adding one new section,
2 to be known as section 35, to read as follows:

**Section 35. That agriculture which provides food, energy, health benefits, and
2 security is the foundation and stabilizing force of Missouri's economy. To protect this vital
3 sector of Missouri's economy, the right of farmers and ranchers to engage in modern
4 farming and ranching practices shall be forever guaranteed in this state. No law shall be
5 enacted which abridges the right of farmers and ranchers to employ agricultural
6 technology and modern livestock production and ranching practices.**

Section B. Pursuant to Chapter 116, RSMo, and other applicable constitutional
2 provisions and laws of this state allowing the General Assembly to adopt ballot language for the
3 submission of a joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official ballot title of the
4 amendment proposed in Section A shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to ensure:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 6 • That the right of Missouri citizens to employ modern farming and ranching
7 practices and equipment shall not be infringed”.

